ITALIAN · SAUCE

Rustic Marinara Tomato Sauce

75 min · Makes 7 × ½ cup (125 g) · 129 kcal a portion · Video 3:22 · Recipe30

Vegan · Gluten-free ingredients · Nut-free

Just tomatoes, onion, garlic, herbs and olive oil, with no added sugar: a ½-cup portion has about 130 kcal, 7.5 g of net carbs and 2.5 g of fibre, and most of its energy comes from olive oil.

Diet notes: Keto (7.5 g net carbs a serve).

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Ingredients

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- [ ] ¼ cup **virgin olive oil**
- [ ] ½ **brown onion**, finely chopped
- [ ] 3–4 **garlic** cloves, grated
- [ ] 1 tbsp chopped **fresh oregano** (or 1 tsp of the dry herb)
- [ ] 2 × 14 oz cans whole **tomatoes**
- [ ] 1 tsp **table salt**
- [ ] **cracked black pepper**, to taste
- [ ] **olive oil** to finish, a swirl (about 1 tbsp)
- [ ] a handful of **fresh basil leaves**, torn

Amounts in US units, converted from the cook's and rounded — the video has the originals.

Contains: none of the common allergens in the listed ingredients. Check labels on stock, sauces and spice mixes.

Method

TIMES = THE MOMENT IN THE VIDEO

1. Warm the ¼ cup olive oil in a saucepan over medium-low heat and cook the finely chopped onion slowly until soft. 0:40
2. Grate in the garlic and cook for a few minutes without letting it brown, then add the chopped oregano. 1:06
3. Add the tomatoes a little at a time, crushing each lot with a ladle against the pan. 1:36
4. Cover and cook on the lowest heat for 1–2 hours, stirring and checking every 30 minutes so it doesn't stick; add a splash of water if it gets too thick. (Even 10 minutes gives a good sauce.) 2:08
5. Season with salt and pepper. Turn off the heat and stir in a swirl of olive oil and the torn basil leaves. 1:56

> **Tip** Makes about 3½ cups (our estimate: 7 portions of ½ cup). Freeze in portions for quick pasta, fish or chicken dishes. Use the best canned whole tomatoes you can find rather than crushed.

The method is a summary in our words — the video shows every step.

One portion, ½ cup (125 g), gives you

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ENERGY	PROTEIN	CARBOHYDRATE	FIBRE	FAT	SODIUM
129 kcal	2.1 g	10 g	2.5 g	10 g	480 mg
540 kJ	4% of a day	7.5 g net · 5 g sugars	9% of a day	1.3 g saturated	21% of a day
		4% of a day		13% of a day	

Energy from net carbs 23% · protein 7% · fat 70% — fits keto: 7.5 g net carbs, 70% of the energy from fat

Source of (10–19%) Vitamin E 18% · Vitamin C 13% · Vitamin K 11%

Recipe and video: Recipe30 (@recipe30) on YouTube — youtube.com/watch?v=-Gonz0Zr6U8, published 7 June 2024. All credit for the recipe goes to the cook; please watch and support their channel.

By Notbroken: the method summary, the unit conversions, the diet notes and the nutrition estimate — worked out from the ingredient list with USDA FoodData Central values; % of a day compares one serve with the US FDA daily values on food labels (2,000 kcal). Brands, portions and cooking change the real numbers.

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